

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Claims 3-5, 19-21, and 23-25 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 22 stand allowed. 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 26-33 stand rejected by the Examiner. Claim 18 is objected to. The Examiner's objections and rejections are addressed below in substantially the same order as in the office action.

With respect to the claims that stand rejected, Applicant has either cancelled a rejected claim or rewritten a rejected claim to depend from an allowed claim. Specifically:

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 now depend from allowed claim 8.

Claim 10 depends from allowed claim 9.

Claim 11 has been cancelled.

Claim 14 now depends from allowed claim 16.

Claim 15 depends from claim 14, which depends from allowed claim 16.

Claim 26 now depends from claim 1, which depends from allowed claim 8.

Claim 27 depends from allowed claim 8.

Claims 28-33 have been cancelled.

Applicant believes that these amendments have placed this case in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance and such action is requested. No fee is believed due for this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-0429 (284-34922-US)**.

Respectfully submitted,

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